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36. (AMENDED) The front-illuminating device as defined in claim 34, wherein the width of the slanting portions on the surface is made smaller than the width of the flat portions thereof.

37. (AMENDED) The front-illuminating device as defined in claim 34, wherein the addition of the width of the flat portions and the width of the slanting portions in the light-directing body is set in the range from not less than 0.05 mm to not more than 1.0 mm.

38. (AMENDED) The front-illuminating device as defined in claim 34, wherein, supposing that the width of the flat portions is w_1 and the width of the slanting portions is w_2 , the ratio w_2/w_1 of the width of the slanting portions to the width of the flat portions is set in a range from not less than 0.01 to not more than 0.2.

39. (AMENDED) The front-illuminating device as defined in claim 34, wherein, supposing that the width of the flat portions is w_1 and the width of the slanting portions is w_2 , the ratio w_2/w_1 of the width of the slanting portions to the width of the flat portions increases as it departs from the light incident surface.

Add new claims 58-62 that read as follows:

58. (ADDED) The front illuminating device of claim 1, wherein the sum of a pitch of the flat portions and a pitch of the slanting portions that are formed on the light-

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directing body is set to become smaller as the distance from the incident surface increases.

59. (ADDED) The front-illuminating device as defined in claim 1, wherein the width of the slanting portions on the second light-releasing surface is made smaller than the width of the flat portions thereof.

60. (ADDED) The front-illuminating device as defined in claim 1, wherein the addition of the width of the flat portions and the width of the slanting portions in the light-directing body is set in the range from not less than 0.05 mm to not more than 1.0 mm.

61. (ADDED) The front-illuminating device as defined in claim 1, wherein, supposing that the width of the flat portions is w_1 and the width of the slanting portions is w_2 , the ratio w_2/w_1 of the width of the slanting portions to the width of the flat portions is set in a range from not less than 0.01 to not more than 0.2.

62. (ADDED) The front-illuminating device as defined in claim 1, wherein, supposing that the width of the flat portions is w_1 and the width of the slanting portions is w_2 , the ratio w_2/w_1 of the width of the slanting portions to the width of the flat portions increases as it departs from the light incident surface.